in King County Superior Court, Case No. 12-2-02641-6 SEA. See, Declaration of Paul Smith

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in Support of Defendants' Notice of Removal, Exhibit A. Capital One was served with a copy of plaintiffs' Complaint on January 24, 2011. *See*, Declaration of Paul Smith, Exhibit B.

Plaintiffs' Complaint against Capital One is a putative class action involving alleged violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227, and the regulations enacted to implement the TCPA, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200. (Complaint ¶3.1-3.6.) The Complaint also involves alleged violations of Washington's Automatic Dialing and Announcing Device ("ADAD") statute, R.C.W. 80.36.400, Washington's Do-Not-Call statute, R.C.W. 80.36.390, and the Washington Consumer Protection Act ("WCPA"), R.C.W. 19.86. (Complaint ¶3.7-3.12.) It seeks relief under the Washington Declaratory Judgment Act, R.C.W. 7.24.010. (Complaint ¶3.13-3.15.)

Capital One files this Notice of Removal on February 13, 2012. The Notice of Removal is timely filed under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) because it has been filed "within 30 days after the receipt by the defendant, through service or otherwise, of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based." *Id.*

II. BASIS FOR REMOVAL

A. There Is Federal Question Jurisdiction Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

This Court has original federal question jurisdiction over this putative class action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. The TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227, and its associated regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200, are federal law, over which the federal courts have federal question jurisdiction. *See Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC*, 132 S. Ct. 740, 753 (2012).

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B. There is Supplemental Jurisdiction Under 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over plaintiffs' state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367, because plaintiffs' allegations arise from and are part of the same case or controversy as the federal question. Therefore, this action is one which can be removed to this Court by Capital One under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) and (c).

C. Notice of Removal Was Timely Under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

Capital One first received a copy of the Complaint filed by plaintiffs no earlier than January 24, 2012. *See*, Declaration of Paul Smith, Exhibit B. This Notice of Removal, which has been filed less than 30 days later, is thus timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

D. <u>Capital One's Notice of Removal Complies With the Applicable Local Rules and</u> Venue Is Proper in the Western District of Washington Under 28 U.S.C. § 128(b).

This Notice of Removal complies with all applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 128(b) and 1441(a) because this District encompasses King County, wherein plaintiffs filed the state court action being removed. Capital One is serving plaintiffs' counsel with copies of this Notice of Removal and will serve notice of the removal upon the Clerk of the Court in the King County Superior Court.

Capital One expressly reserves its right to raise all defenses and objections to plaintiffs' claims after the action is removed to this Court.

1 DATED this 13th day of February, 2012. 2 FORSBERG & UMLAUF, P.S. 3 4 By: 5 John B. Hayes, WSBA #21009 Email: JHayes@forsberg-umlauf.com 6 7 By: 8 Paul S. Smith, WSBA #28099 Email: PSmith@forsberg-umlauf.com 9 Attorneys for Defendants Capital One 10 Financial Corporation and Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. 11 Forsberg & Umlauf, P.S. 901 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1400 12 Seattle, WA 98164-2050 Telephone: (206) 689-8500 13 Facsimile: (206) 689-8501 14 and 15 Aaron D. Van Oort* MN #315539 Aaron.VanOort@FaegreBD.com 16 Erin L. Hoffman* MN #0387835 Erin.Hoffman@FaegreBD.com 17 2200 Wells Fargo Center 90 South Seventh Street 18 Minneapolis, MN 55402-3901 Telephone: (612) 766-7000 19 Facsimile: (612) 766-1600 20 *Applications for Admission Pro Hac Vice forthcoming 21 22

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I am now and at all times herein mentioned, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to or interested in the above-entitled action, and competent to be a witness herein.

On the date given below I caused to be served the foregoing DEFENDANTS'

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. 1331, 1367, 1441, AND

1446 on the following individuals in the manner indicated:

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SIGNED this <u>134</u> day of February, 2012, at Seattle, Washington.

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